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The Fair Oaks District Community Connection

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TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER,
OTHER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS,
AND FAIR OAKS DISTRICT POLICE UPDATES,
SEND YOUR REQUEST TO OFFICER WAYNE TWOMBLY
AT RICHARD.TWOMBLY@FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV

Events of Interest :

- Neighborhood Watch Training: October 11
- National Night Out: Tuesday, August 2
- CAC Picnic: Tuesday, June 28

Neighborhood Watch Training Date for 2011!

The Fair Oaks District Police Station has one training date (in 2011) for the Neighborhood Watch Program. As usual, they will be held at the station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7 p.m. in the roll call room. These training opportunities are designed for communities that want to expand their existing participation, those who wish to begin a new Watch program or those who would like a refresher course.

We look forward to serving you and maintaining the quality of community and police partnerships that we have all come to depend on and enjoy.

The training dates are as follows:

➤ Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mark Your Calendars



NOW!



Request a Neighborhood Watch Program for Your Community Today!

The requirement is a short and simple one-time, two-hour training commitment. Learn how to detect, react to and report criminal or suspicious behaviors. Know how to better protect yourself, your family and your community.

For more information, contact your Crime Prevention Officer at the Fair Oaks District Police Station: PFC Wayne Twombly at Richard.Twombly@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The FCPD Youthful Driver Program is a one-day, hands-on course, held Saturdays, monthly, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Find out how to:

- Recover from skidding on a wet roadway
- Adjust your driving when road surfaces vary
- Judge distance while driving at highway speeds



Location: Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, 3725 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.

Cost: \$200 (Financial accommodations may be made for qualifying students.)

Eligibility: Fairfax County teens 16-19 with valid driver's license.

(Non-County residents eligible on space-available basis.)

➤ Info and registration forms at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/youth-driver-program.htm



This document is available in an alternative format upon request. Please call the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-246-7562; TTY 703-204-2264. Allow seven working days for preparation of the material.



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LOCK IT...



...OR LOSE IT!

The Fair Oaks District Station is asking for your help in battling crime. There are many things that you can do to help prevent and reduce thefts from vehicles and vehicle tamperings.

Here are just a few:

- Lock vehicle doors at **ALL** times
- Park vehicles in well-lit areas
- Do not leave valuables in your cars
- Do NOT leave keys or spare keys in vehicles
- Items that must be left in vehicles should be kept hidden from view
- Do NOT leave your vehicle running unattended
- Keep your garage door closed and remove garage door opener from car
- Remove all personal information from the vehicle to avoid identity theft
- Report any and all suspicious activity; join Neighborhood Watch

Items frequently targeted are GPS systems, cell phones, laptops, personal items, keys, spare change



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To request this information in an alternate format, call the Fair Oaks Crime Prevention Office at 703-352-2163.



HELP US PROTECT YOU THROUGH FREE SERVICES



CRIME SOLVERS

(CALLERS MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS)

Fairfax County Crime Solvers 4100 Chain Bridge Road Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477), e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

HELP US KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE!

Free SERVICES TO FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS

Contact your Crime Prevention Officer to have a
FREE Security Survey
performed on your home, community or business.

We will survey the locks, alarms, lighting, landscaping and hardware to your property and provide you with the invaluable information to decrease your chances of being victimized by criminals.

To make an appointment, contact Fair Oaks District Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Twombly at 703-352-2163.

"MY NEIGHBORHOOD"

(BE AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY)

This user friendly, online service lets you track calls for service within a quarter, a half, or a one mile radius from any address in Fairfax County

Know what is going on BEYOND the four corners of your community. Prevention begins with awareness! This program gives you a "snapshot" view of police activities reported in your neighborhood or an area of interest.

Go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/> for incident information.

KNOW THE RULES.....

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

for parents and guardians

1. Be sure to go over the rules with your children about whose homes they may visit when you're not there and discuss the boundaries of where they may and may not go in the neighborhood.
2. Ensure children know their full names, address, and telephone numbers and how to use the telephone. Be sure they know what to do in case of an emergency and how to reach you using cellular or pager numbers. Children should have a neighbor or trusted adult to call if they're scared or there's an emergency.
3. Caution children to keep all doors locked and not to open the door or talk to anyone who comes to the door when they are home alone. If you have arranged for a family friend or relative to stop by, make sure your children feel comfortable being alone with that person. Make certain they understand not to tell anyone who calls they are home alone.
4. Don't drop your children off at malls, movies, video arcades, or parks. These are not safe places for children to be alone. Make certain a responsible adult supervises your younger children at all times when they are outside and away from home.
5. Teach your children in whose vehicle they may ride. Children should be cautioned to never approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult.
6. Ensure your children know to stay away from pools, canals, or other bodies of water without adult supervision.
7. Since daylight lasts longer during the summer months, be sure your children know their curfew and to check in with you if they are going to be late. If you allow your children to play outside after dark, make sure they wear reflective clothing and stay close to home.
8. Choose babysitters with care. Obtain references from family, friends, and neighbors. Many states now have registries for public access to check criminal history or sex-offender status. Observe the babysitters interaction with your children, and ask your children how they feel about the babysitter.
9. Check out camp and other summer programs before enrolling your children. See if a background screening check is completed on the individuals working with the children. Make sure there will be adult supervision of your children at all times, and make sure you are made aware of all activities and field trips offered by the camp or program.
10. Investigate daycare settings thoroughly before placing your children. Ensure the center or family daycare home is licensed; complete full background screening for all employees, volunteers, and others affiliated with the facility and allows parents and guardians to freely come and go as they wish. Observe the personnel and activities several times before making your decision and visit unannounced after placement.
11. Be sure all custody documents are in order and certified copies are available in case your children are not returned from a scheduled summer visit.
12. Always listen to your children and keep the lines of communication open. Your children are your best source for determining if everything is okay. Teach your children to get out of dangerous or uncomfortable situations right away and practice basic safety skills with them. Make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.

1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678) www.missingkids.com

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Have a safe and fun summer!

SOLICITING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Exemptions from the Soliciting Laws

Soliciting in Fairfax County is regulated by Chapter 31 of County Code. Chapter 31 requires anyone selling items door-to-door or from a temporary stand to hold a solicitor's license. There are five exceptions to this requirement, as follows:



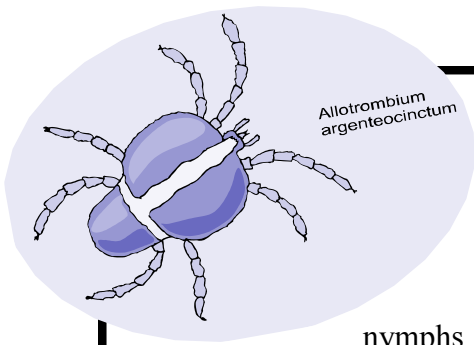
1. Individuals selling newspapers or newspaper subscriptions
2. Individuals selling farm fresh produce and/or dairy products that they raised themselves. If the vendor is selling produce or dairy items that they purchased, they must have a license.
3. Individuals licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia to sell insurance (Title 38.2) or real estate (Title 54.1, Chapter 21).
4. Individuals licensed as a charitable solicitor under Chapter 34 of County Code, or anyone exempt from the requirements of Chapter 34.
5. Where more than four vendors are gathered to sell arts and crafts, each vendor is not required to hold a solicitor's license. Instead, the show organizer must have a promoter's license. The promoter's license is identical to the solicitor's license, with the addition of the word "Promoter" that is stamped across the face of the license in red ink. The promoter is required to show a list of all show participants upon request to law enforcement.

Citizens Rights and Solicitors Responsibilities

- Must show license to any customer or law enforcement officer who requests it.
- May only solicit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- May not solicit where "no soliciting" signs are posted. Wording may vary on signage but must clearly translate as "no soliciting," in order to comply.
- At consumer's request, solicitor must provide their name, business information, and identify their goods or service.
- Must leave the premises immediately, if asked to do so.
- May not misrepresent the nature of their business or product.
- Must provide a receipt upon request.
- May not use their licensure as an endorsement by Fairfax County.
- Must display the business or individual name and address in letters at least three inches high when working from a vehicle or temporary stand.
- May not sell anything from the roadway, which includes any medians and area that has been improved as a result of the road. **Selling from the road is a violation of County code 82-1-30, Class 4 misdemeanor.**



- May not sell in any county park without a use permit from the Park Authority. They must show this permit upon request. **Selling on park property without a permit is a violation of Virginia Code 15.2-5705, Class 4 misdemeanor.**
- **Soliciting without a license is a violation of Section 31-2-1, Class 2 misdemeanor.**



LYME DISEASE INFORMATION

Lyme disease was first recognized in the United States in 1975, after an unusual outbreak of arthritis near Lyme, Connecticut.

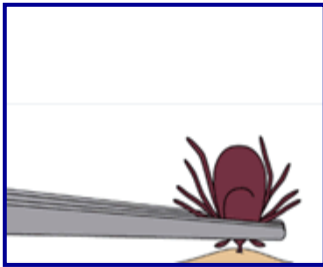
Most humans are infected through the bites of immature ticks called nymphs. Nymphs are tiny (less than 2 mm) and difficult to see; they feed during the spring and summer months.

Ticks can attach to any part of the human body but are often found in hard-to-see areas such as the groin, armpits, and scalp. In most cases, the tick must be attached for 36 to 48 hours or more before the Lyme disease bacterium can be transmitted.

Prevention

If you plan on being in a high grass or wooded area the following precautions can reduce your chance of contracting Lyme Disease:

- Tuck pant legs into socks and boots. Wear long-sleeved shirts.
- Apply tick repellent to areas of the body and clothing that may come in contact with grass and brush. Select repellents specifically for ticks, ones containing 30% DEET. Follow directions carefully and do not overuse. Some tick repellents can cause toxic or allergic reactions.
- If you have pets, consider tick control methods recommended by a veterinarian.
- Conduct a tick check on yourself once back inside and shower if possible.



Tic Removal

- ⇒ Grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure
- ⇒ Do not squeeze, puncture or crush the tick as its body fluids may contain infectious organisms
- ⇒ Clean the bite site with antiseptic and wash your hands with soap and water



Monitor Bite Site

Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease

- A characteristic skin rash, called Erythema Migrans will appear in 70 to 80% of bites infected with Lyme disease. It usually appears 3 to 30 days post-bite.
- Fatigue, chills and fever
- Headache
- Muscle and joint pain
- Swollen lymph nodes

Patients are encouraged to ask their physicians whether their Lyme disease testing process was performed using validated methods and whether results were interpreted using appropriate guidelines (recommended by the Center for Disease Control).



Dodge a Ticket...Did You Know?



TEXTING AND DRIVING

§ 46.2-1078.1. Use of handheld personal communications devices in certain motor vehicles; exceptions; penalty.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a moving motor vehicle on the highways in the Commonwealth while using any handheld personal communications device to:

1. Manually enter multiple letters or text in the device as a means of communicating with another person
2. Read any email or text message transmitted to the device or stored within the device, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to any name or number stored in the device nor to any caller identification information

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. The operator of any emergency vehicle
2. An operator who is lawfully parked or stopped
3. The use of factory-installed or aftermarket global positioning systems (GPS) or wireless communications devices used to transmit or receive data as part of a digital dispatch system
4. Any person using a handheld personal communications device to report an emergency

C. No citation for a violation of this section shall be issued unless the officer issuing such citation has cause to stop or arrest the driver of such motor vehicle for the violation of some other provision of this Code or local ordinance relating to the operation, ownership, or maintenance of a motor vehicle or any criminal statute.

D. A violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable, for a first offense, by a fine of \$20 and, for a second or subsequent offense, by a fine of \$50.

For the purposes of this section, "emergency vehicle" means:

1. Any law-enforcement vehicle operated by or under the direction of a federal, state, or local law-enforcement officer while engaged in the performance of official duties
2. Any regional detention center vehicle operated by or under the direction of a correctional officer responding to an emergency call or operating in an emergency situation
3. Any vehicle used to fight fire, including publicly owned state forest warden vehicles, when traveling in response to a fire alarm or emergency call
4. Any ambulance, rescue, or life-saving vehicle designed or used for the principal purpose of supplying resuscitation or emergency relief where human life is endangered
5. Any Department of Emergency Management vehicle or Office of Emergency Medical Services vehicle, when responding to an emergency call or operating in an emergency situation
6. Any Department of Corrections vehicle designated by the Director of the Department of Corrections, when (i) responding to an emergency call at a correctional facility, (ii) participating in a drug-related investigation, (iii) pursuing escapees from a correctional facility, or (iv) responding to a request for assistance from a law-enforcement officer
7. Any vehicle authorized to be equipped with alternating, blinking, or flashing red or red and white secondary warning lights pursuant to § 46.2-1029.2



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Fairfax County Crime Solvers:

1-866-411-TIPS or 703-691-8888

Fairfax County Police:

Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131

Citizen Reporting System:

(for reports not requiring officer response)
Call the non-emergency number at
703-691-2131 or report online at
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/public_safety,
police department.

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THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

- ✳ The Fair Oaks District station renovations are on schedule. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our visitors for their patience reference parking and any construction inconveniences. We hope these disruptions are short-lived and ask you not be dissuaded from visiting us.
- ✳ The Fair Oaks District Station regrets losing First Lieutenant John Naylor who has been reassigned to headquarters, in the Internal Affairs Division. We will miss him !
- ✳ Again the agency took great care of its officers and community members of the Fair Oaks District by replacing Lieutenant Naylor with First Lieutenant Daniel Townsend. Look for our next edition of The Fair Oaks District Community Connection for an in-depth interview with our new assistant commander.
- ✳ She is back and ready to work for you, AGAIN! Retired police officer, MPO Sophia Grinnan has just been accepted with our agency to be a Volunteer in Police Service. She has specifically asked to be assigned to the Fair Oaks District Station. She will oversee the newsletter and assist Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Twombly in delivering quality police service to you.

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